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■ **KENNISIS LAKE**

Group appears on squatting charges

JENN WATT

Editor

They had their day in court and they will have yet another.

Wednesday six people charged with unlawfully being in a dwelling house on Kennisis Lake Road appeared in the Ontario court of justice where they received the evidence against them, informed the judge they needed time to obtain legal aid, then left.

The group, which adheres to a religious movement called "spiritual economics," has become a curiosity to locals, especially since their YouTube videos were discovered online.

On their site, viewers can watch one of the accused, Victor Beck of Campbellford, speak about his religious beliefs, which revolve around the premise that God created humans with the right to food and shelter at no personal cost.

Viewers can also watch as Beck and two other men enter Dollo's IGA in Minden with empty bags, leave with full bags and then wait for 40 minutes until

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Christmas cookie monster

Kids at the Wee Care holiday open house were all smiles on Dec. 2 as they took part in festive activities such as crafts and cookie decorating, while enjoying some delicious treats. Photo by Angelica Blenich.

■ **DOGSLEDDING**

DeBruin waits for winter, plans for Iditarod

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Anchorage to Nome.

You can do it in a passenger jet in 90 minutes. Time for a snack, a drink, and a quick peruse of the *New York Times* sports section.

If you decide to do it the old fashioned way, say, by dogsled, it takes longer. And lost luggage and stale peanuts would be the least of your worries.

On the shivered and sullen edges of Alaska's interior, even in March, frostbite could claim an ear or a toe or two along the way.

The Alaskan Iditarod, an annual rite of passage and dubbed the last great race on earth, is essentially a dog musher's dream; a rip roar over convoluted muskeg, pack ice, and flash-frozen tundra. It's a grueling, arduous and brutal slugfest, pitting man and dog against nature on the snowy canvas of a land locked in anachronism.

Haliburton's Hank DeBruin is a bit of an anachronism himself. A man possessed by a singularity of purpose, and a love of dogsledding that supersedes

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Trail construction results in hefty fine

A Toronto-area man has been fined \$3,000 for constructing a new section of trail on Crown land in the heart of the Haliburton Highlands.

Dudley Hookong pleaded guilty to building a trail on public land without a work permit in violation of the Public Lands Act.

Court was told that a conservation officer found a newly constructed portion of trail in June 2009. Further investigation revealed that Hookong had used a bulldozer to reroute an existing all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trail around some difficult areas near his cottage at Koshlong Lake.

The public is reminded that, under the Public Lands Act, a work permit is required to construct or alter a trail on public land.

MNR Press Release



Buddy, seen here in 2007, was killed by a car on County Road 503 Nov. 30. His collar and tags were taken, but his body left in the ditch.

Family asks for tags back after accident kills pet dog

To the Editor:

Our dog Buddy was struck and killed on Nov. 30 on Highway 503 near the Irondale store. The people involved in the accident contacted the Haliburton Veterinary Hospital and requested our name and phone number. They identified Buddy by the tags on his collar. Those people have yet to contact us.

Buddy was moved from the scene on the side of the road to the opposite side and left in the ditch.

We found Buddy Dec. 2 afternoon when we were driving down 503 looking for him.

This is no way for anyone to find their family pet.

Buddy's collar and tags were removed from him. Whoever has his collar and tags, we would like to have them returned to us.

Our thanks go out to our neighbour who covered Buddy with a blanket and comforted him until he passed.

Vera and Bill Godfrey
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December 10, 2009

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This week's Weekender:

- November weather
- Community Access Program
- Albert Saxby releases album
- Cards scores, Bowling scores

Plus Sudoku, crossword, classifieds and coming events.

4Cs LILY ANN cannot receive clothing or items during the weeks Dec. 11th through to Jan. 4th 2010 due to preparing and distributing CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

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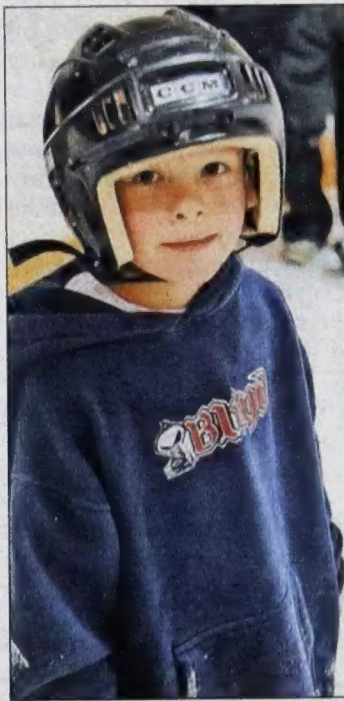
Kids take to ice

Children from the Wilberforce Public School kicked off the month of December with some energetic skating at the Wilberforce Arena on Friday Dec. 4. /Photos by Angelica Blenich.

Right: Becca Pacey, Brooke Billings and Charles Whitehead skate at the Wilberforce arena.



Candace Ellis helps push her daughter along.



Chase Chalmers almost fits his helmet.



Hailey Carey puts her game face on.



Hannah Huffman gets a little support from a pylon.



Santa visits Wee Care

Photos by Angelica Blenich

Left: The open house was capped off with a visit from a special holiday friend as kids went up one by one to rhyme off their wish list desires.

Right: A Christmas sing-a-long, enjoyed by parents and children alike, gave some participants an enthusiastic spring to their step.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Places for People Haliburton on course

Affordable housing complex aiming for February opening

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The real sign of a just society hinges upon its ability to provide safe, affordable housing to those who really need it.

Here in cottage country, bumped as we are against the effusive edge of opulence and million-dollar cottages, it's easy to forget that Haliburton Highlands has the lowest per capita income of any area in the province of Ontario.

Residents working two and three minimum wage seasonal jobs are finding it increasingly hard to catch a break in the cutthroat rental housing market in the Highlands.

Nice then to know that a group like Places for People Haliburton County is hard at work addressing the very real need for low income housing in the area.

Last summer, Places for People bought a small house on George Street in Haliburton, with the intention of refitting it into two three-bedroom apartments.

Today the project is nearing completion, thanks to a

dedicated group of volunteers and workers who have been jumping all over the project since the renovations began last summer.

Heather Reid, the Places for People board member in charge of procurement and acquisitions, was effusive last Friday as she showed a photographer around the premises, which used to house a dance studio, and is now rapidly morphing into a lovely pair of apartments: one in the basement and the other on the main floor.

"Two families selected from our application process are due to take occupancy Feb. 1," said Reid, who was busy hauling wood from one end of the basement premises to the other, while four workers continued to bang, chop and hammer walls, floors and joists into place.

"We have a core group of 10 to 12 who are coming two days a week, and some are coming in five days a week," Reid explains. "And then outside of that I'd say there are another 20 or 25 people who have come off and on. We're aiming for both apartments to be ready by the beginning of February."

Last Friday afternoon, job supervisor and general contractor Doug Aldworth was busy raising some walls in the upstairs apartment while Lee Train, Danny Barrand and Chris Nicholls kept busy laying down the floors on the bottom floor apartment.

"Doug is our general contractor and he's here every day, and Lee Train and Dan Slote are volunteers and they're both retired plumbers so they've been doing the plumbing and they're here every day to do what needs to be done," says Reid.

She says that they form the core group, but adds that none of this would have been possible without the gracious support of volumes of volunteers, contractors and local businesses.

Reid says that it's been up to Aldworth to coordinate



Heather Reid works on site at George Street property.

the many helpers that have offered their services over the past six months. "Doug has been doing a great job working with volunteers," says Reid.

Aldworth says that he's enjoying every facet of this job.

"I've been on a lot of projects where I've worked with a lot of skilled and unskilled people," says Aldworth. "This project has been challenging in terms of the work and the labor pool. I've really enjoyed it and I try to match people with the jobs. So far it's been working and I think everybody has left here with a positive experience and I've really enjoyed working with some phenomenal help."

Reid urges all people interested in contributing or looking in on the project to visit their website at placesforpeople.ca.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Local children's aid paving the way for success

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The Children's Aid Society (CAS) may be facing budget cuts throughout the province, but statistics show that the Kawartha-Haliburton region is on its way to becoming a leader in the development of programs to help keep children with their families, according to the agency's executive director.

New programs have helped decrease the numbers of children in the care of the local CAS branch, thus reducing cost. There are 167 children in care today, down from 183 last year.

Hugh Nicholson, executive director of the Kawartha-Haliburton CAS (KH-CAS), said the local society is not facing the same risks as other organizations throughout Ontario.

"We're in a much better position," said Nicholson. "There will be no changes in our level of services and we're not planning staff layoffs."

According to Nicholson, the number of cases in the Peterborough area has dropped in the last year from approximately 322 to 275, which helps bring costs down.

Nathalie Fouquette, director of services for the city of Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton, believes there are a number of reasons the KHCAS is becoming a provincial leader in keeping children with their families.

"We have parenting programs that we offer that focus on behavioural intervention that will see specially trained staff go into the homes and assist parents in managing the children's behaviour," explains Fouquette.

According to Fouquette, children who stay with their families stand to gain a return of benefits in the long run.

"We've put a lot of emphasis on trying to engage the parents and working on the principle that we want the same things as the parents," says Fouquette.

"We want the kids to be safe. Really what we want is to keep children with their families. We don't want kids to end up in our system because we know in the long run that's not the best place for them."

Fouquette says there are also programs specially designed for the surrounding region and the issues faced in these communities.

"In the eastern zone we have something called a First Nations recruiter and a First Nations worker," says Fouquette. "These are people hired by the First Nations communities but are supervised by the KHCAS, so we're working together trying to keep the kids in the community, hopefully with their parents, but if that's not possible we also have a recruiter for foster care that is attempting to keep kids within their home community."

The program, says Fouquette, is starting to gain momentum. However, despite all the success KHCAS is having, there is still more work to be done.

"There is always a shortage of resources and funds," says Fouquette, "but more importantly there is a negative image out there that we want to take kids away from their families which is really the last thing we want. If possible we want to keep children with their families because we see the positive outcomes that can bring."

Nicholson says they hope to work with the province to help address the challenges faced by CAS offices and to help solve problems around inequities in funding across the province.

"We will work with them to find better funding initiatives that are better for kids and cost taxpayers less too," he says.

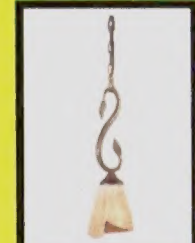


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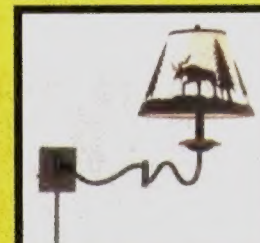
Chris Bishop sent in this photo of the first day of snow – at the ski hill – when the team at Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort started up the snow machine Nov. 30, 7 a.m. "Our planned date for opening is Dec. 12," Bishop wrote. /Photo by Chris Bishop.

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It is the *Echo's* policy not to "name names" when it comes to court charges. The policy is constantly debated amongst editorial staff, but ultimately the rule stands for good reason: our system is built on the premise of innocence, not guilt, before the courts.

While there is nothing legally wrong with publishing the names of those accused of crimes, we have always held to the belief that these people will have their day in court and if the court finds them guilty, it is at that

point that the newspaper should tell the world of their deeds.

Part of this policy also comes from the logistical constraints of a small town paper. It is not fair to only publish the names of the

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jenn watt

accused if you're not willing to follow up to see if they are convicted.

To publish names without this follow-up just leaves the community suspicious of each other. It's not fair and that's why we don't do it.

But every once in a while a case comes along that is of such importance to the community that we must divert resources to follow it through the courts. When this happens, names can be, and are, published.

Such is the case of the spiritual economics activists, who have been charged for taking groceries from Dollo's IGA in Minden (the charges were dropped) and subsequently charged for occupying a vacant cottage on Kennis Lake Road.

Videos of this group show members vowing to continue their efforts to raise issue with the monetary system used by our society. They fully intend to continue pushing the envelope all the way to the courts to have their political and religious opinions aired.

We've had calls from concerned residents who worry the group will come to their cottages in the winter months to prove a point.

This case goes clearly beyond a private matter and into the public sphere in a big way. That is why in this unique case we are naming the names, but with the promise to do due diligence and follow this story to its end, so that those whose names are named are served fairly in these pages.



Waiting for the race

Photo by Terrance Gavan

An open letter to Old Man Winter

First off, let me apologize if this correspondence is misdirected. I would have thought Mother Nature handled all four of the seasons – being a mother of ALL nature as her title implies – but obviously at some point she must have felt it necessary to pass all these snowmaking and ass-freezing duties onto a special winter-season-only specialist like yourself.

Assuming this letter does indeed reach the proper division and actually arrives on the cantankerous old coot's desk, I have but one request: Old Man Winter, I do not require your services anymore.

Certainly there was a time when I welcomed your gifts. Snow, at some point was oddly wonderful and skating on a frozen lake was curiously appealing but now you just make my nose run and my ears numb. I find nothing particularly romantic about a wind-chill factor.

Early on you hooked us all with your quaint notions of the powdery white stuff blanketing everything as if the earth was some really big cake and snow was simply a joyful layer of icing but now I see this for what it really is; thick cold plastic preventing you from touching all the nice furniture at grandma's house.

Thing is I've had enough of your winters to fully appreciate what they're all about. I get the snow thing and the cold and the cold and the

cold. Minus 24 feels pretty much the same as minus 15, in fact they're exactly the same in that I feel nothing (I lost all feeling nine degrees ago).

Yes, I see some people welcoming your eight-foot snow drifts. Somehow they've miraculously adapted to a lifestyle that has them traveling across or through these mammoth frozen white mounds in some species of sport (and apparently enjoying themselves while doing so). My winter sport simply involves me running from one warm enclosed area to another and in the absolute shortest time possible.

I used to think a snowbird was most closely related to the chicken but now realize they're more a pigeon; that brave, intrepid creature searching out the safety of the nearest shore and the promise of greener pastures and while I don't presently have the requisite feathers I'm doing my damndest to grow some.

Be aware, this letter is not directed out of anger or disgust. I've simply seen the other side. I know of places in existence where grass exists in January and where people have no need for clothing below the kneecap. I know of places where lawn furniture is allowed to stay outside year round and of people who only know of ice in cubes and I think I would like to try being one of them.

Warmest regards, Charlie



charlie teljeur

Thinking small

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We tree kings

I guess you'd call it a holiday parade of sorts. My wife led three eager dogs and me through the back 40 in a quest for the perfect Christmas tree.

True, our ideas of perfection differed. Carol wanted a classically shaped, tall and full-bodied spruce. The dogs wanted something substantially smaller that they could play fetch with. For my part, I would have been pleased with a Charlie Brown-style tag alder so long as it was situated within 20 steps of our current location. For me, location was key.

Any man who has walked the woods with pruning saw in hand knows exactly what I mean. Simply put, the closer the tree is to the house, the prettier the tree looks.

That's because when it comes to this Christmas tree gathering tradition, we tend to get the short end of the stick – usually down the back of our collars as we are carrying it out.

In our household, for instance, my wife's primary role is to pick a distant tree, something that is essentially a speck on the horizon and atop the steepest incline

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available. That one, she'll suggest, would be infinitely better than the hundred or so perfectly good trees that we are standing among.

My job is to ascend the slope, eye up the tree in question, and, before I catch my breath, return immediately when my wife suddenly notifies me that she has changed her mind.

When I get back, she then points to a nearby tree that would require a team of horses to recover. This, she announces is definitely the one I will be dragging home. I blame it on the eggnog.

As I stand dwarfed in the tree's shadow and realize that I could use the wood contained within to build an ark, I feebly mutter, "It's a little big, don't you think?"

That, she reminds me, is why I am carrying a pruning saw.

Minutes later, and in the true spirit of the holidays, I contemplate how I am going to approach the problem of cutting down this gigantic tree.

Typically, I begin with a bit of trash talk. Something like, "If you're so keen on it, why don't you cut it down?"

Which prompts her to respond, "Did you mutter something under your breath?"

Needless to say, cutting down a tree this large creates its own unique set of problems. But even I'll admit there is a satisfying feeling that comes shortly after you manage to get the tree off of you.

In fact, as my wife and the dogs watched me carry it back, I think that the Christmas spirit finally took hold of me.

After all, this was the tree that would sit in our living room and be a central part of our holiday. It was the one that my wife and kids would decorate with tinsel, ornaments and lights. Its spruce scent would fill the living room and a star would sit atop it and remind us of the significance of the day. And the empty space beneath would serve to remind us that it remains better to give than to receive.

I hope she likes the pruning saw.



pic of the
past

Here's another pic of the past for our readers to solve. The back of this photo reads: "Mr. Ruble? Principal of HHSS with a Mintz?"

Last week's photo brought us several calls identifying the man on the left as Roy Scott, a teacher at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School.

letters to the editor

Fall statistics alarming

To the Editor:

Living well in Haliburton County is of importance to all of us no matter what our age. Health care costs continue to rise each year.

Recently a local committee has been taking a look at the issues related to aging well in Haliburton County. Some information that has been brought forward (from Statistics Canada and other sources) indicates that there are approximately 4,000 seniors over the age of 65 living in Haliburton County. Each year there are approximately 2,000 falls with about 800 of these falls resulting in fractures. This is an alarming statistic, resulting in a loss of independence for many, not to mention the pain and suffering of all involved. We believe many falls can be prevented.

We would like to compliment JanKnit's on the main

street of Haliburton for installing two very visible grab bars at the entrance of their store to assist patrons getting into and out of their store. This simple, relatively inexpensive safety assist shows sensitivity to the issues facing people living in the area.

As health care and personal financial costs related to fractures continue to rise we would like to challenge other businesses in the county to consider adding similar safety assists that would encourage patrons to go into their stores or visit their establishment. Perhaps there are others who already have such assists in place and we haven't noticed them. If this is the case, we send compliments their way as well.

Bev Kraulis
on behalf of the Aging Well Committee

Reader gets a chuckle out of Echo

To the Editor:

It's not often that I get inspired enough to pick up my pen after reading the *Echo*. Don't take me wrong, but pages of sports and real estate don't always turn my crank... But today was different.

I got a chuckle from Charlie Teljeur. Even though he wrote in jest, he actually described the Haliburton area the way it is. I still like it none the less.

Then there was that really upbeat blurb from our brother in Bancroft concerning the G8 summit. Naturally, I have not attended nearly as many as he, in the past, but I'm convinced that come next September or whenever, it's wise to stock up on groceries, etc., for a month as the road into Haliburton may be closed.

By the way, why would Steve [Galea] want a trench 13-feet deep and 20-inches long? Probably putting in

a clothesline pole for his commanding officer.

Finally, dear editor, please don't refer to that group as a religious, that insults religions of all nations. God's people pay their own way.

These have obviously been playing too many video games and smoking their cigarettes from the wrong end.

We've got enough odd folk of our own, bless their hearts, and should these people from la-la land cross their paths, they may be brought back to reality country style.

Bless your hears too,
R.H. Henderson

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HOLIDAY GIFT

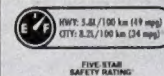
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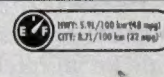
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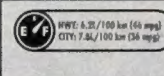
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READERS WRITE

Just beginning

To the Editor:

When I read the many letters concerning substantial hydro bill increases I wonder how is it that people are surprised? After all, this is one price we must pay for buying into the environmental movement whether we agree with the science or not, which at present has shown to be inconclusive in the wake of Climategate. (Here come the letters.) Smart meters, hybrids, big wind turbines, etc. are all tools of the movement toward a so-called cleaner, greener future.

Furthermore, if you think your bill is high now just wait 'til the HST kicks in next year and beyond that when Harper or Ignatieff introduces a cap and trade market followed by a carbon tax, which both leaders are remaining sleepily coy on.

I'm afraid the only alternative for consumers is to find a way to detach themselves from the grid altogether, which unfortunately is not an option for most as electricity is a necessity. Other than that we're up against a big company enjoying the fruits of the harvest that neither wants to talk to nor hear from you.

Lastly, please do not misunderstand. This letter is not to mock or ridicule. I too am a victim of a massive Hydro One bill increase for my cottage in Highlands East. I'm just not surprised and expect more to come unless we rise up and take a stand. We can start by writing our local MPs and tell them enough is enough!

John Bye
Cardiff

Nine years of hydro use in one summer?

To the Editor:

I am a seasonal resident on Drag Lake. In reviewing my electric bills for the past nine years I find that the most electricity that I have ever used was 459 KWHs in one year. My total usage for the nine years was 3,840 KWHs.

On July 10, 2009, a smart meter was installed on my cottage. My usage from then to my last meter reading that I had someone take on Nov. 27 was 4,255 KWHs. In other words, I have used more this partial sum-

mer than I have in the total nine years. I was billed accordingly.

In reading the letters in the paper I see that others are having problems. Has anyone ever had their meter replaced or is it always the line that the meter works perfectly?

Hydro One is to check mine on Dec. 9.

Dick Holland
Drag Lake and Port Charlotte, Florida.

Help for hydro customers?

A reader called into the *Echo* this week with his advice for those with Hydro One issues: call the Ontario Ombudsman. The reader didn't want to leave his name, but said he has had good luck with the office.

Have something to say?

Email your letter to the Editor to
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or go online at
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Girl power needed

To the Editor:

Reading Vinegar Hill brought to mind that what Steve really needed to dig a trench and move rocks was a group of 17-year-old girls – the Ontario Rangers. Thanks to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources we have had exactly this type of work done to improve the drainage on our cross-country ski trails at the former Frost Centre.

Without seeing them at work it is impossible to imagine what can be accomplished by young bodies full of energy and good humour when assigned the task moving dirt, (mud) and rocks!

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Children from the Stuart Baker Elementary School choir delighted the crowd with Christmas classics, such as "Jingle Bells" and "Silver Bells".
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Guests at the Christmas lunch dined on a delicious meal prepared by the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

COMMUNITY CARE

Christmas lunch helps spread community cheer

For the twelfth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters.

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ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

There was plenty of holiday cheer to go around at the Haliburton Legion on Dec. 2, as Community Care hosted its annual intergenerational Christmas luncheon. Festive decorations adorned the hall, scrumptious treats were sprinkled on the tables and the guests were all smiles.

A band comprised of local talent got the event off to a roaring start as they entertained the crowd with Christmas classics. As those in attendance feasted on a delicious turkey dinner prepared by the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary, a buzz of conversation could be heard amongst the various guests and tables.

After the meal was complete, another treat was in store as the Stuart Baker Elementary School choir delighted the

crowd with more holiday melodies. Under the direction of Dan Lee, and accompanied by Ms. Watson, the choir sang songs including "Silver Bells", "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells".

The afternoon was capped off with more sing-along fun provided by the local band and a poinsettia raffle.



Angelic voices filled the legion as children from the Stuart Baker choir sang their hearts out, prompting guests to join in on the festive fun.

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Co-op student

Christmas is almost here and this year a large group of students at the local high school are showing the true meaning of Christmas.

Elke Zilla's Grade 11 class in conjunction with HHSS fine arts department is putting together a talent showcase called "In the Spirit" on Dec. 16 at the Northern Lights Pavilion at 7 p.m.

For three years, Zilla has been putting on tribute shows but this year's show has a bit of a different spin.

For the first time, Zilla and her Grade 11 students decided that after all the expenses are paid, the rest of the profits would go to community services and/or the food bank.

"Usually it all goes back into the department but we changed

our minds," Zilla said. "It's been a hard year and it is also right before Christmas."

The performances are in support of a character education incentive called *Class Acts*.

These showcases of artistic and inspirational tributes are intended to enhance feelings of spiritual community, appreciation, humour and celebration in the spirit and preparation of the New Year ahead.

"We had a huge response this year," Zilla said.

More than 30 students are expected to be performing acts from juggling to air guitar battles to dancing and skits.

Teachers from the high school are also involved with the showcase.

"I think it's really great for the community," Stuart Locke said after being asked what he thought about the idea of the showcase.

"It brings the student body together. We have kids performing together who wouldn't normally hang out. Tributes has always been a good event, but with so many entries this year and with such variety I think it really is going to be something great."

Also, this year the Grade 11 drama class is producing a "theatre in education incentive" called *Class Acts*. These encompass a series of plays that raise awareness through theatre to student issues such as bullying and alcohol abuse.

The class hopes to present their docudrama to other community school and festival competitions.

The docudrama is entitled *Under the Influence* and all of the skits are based on true stories.

At the showcase you will be able to get a preview of the docudrama.

In the front lobby there will be a raffle and student artwork will be on display.

Zilla is hoping to put on another talent showcase in the spring of 2010 with a series of skits representing the last 10 years from her Grade 12 drama class.

Tickets to the Christmas Talent Showcase are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults.

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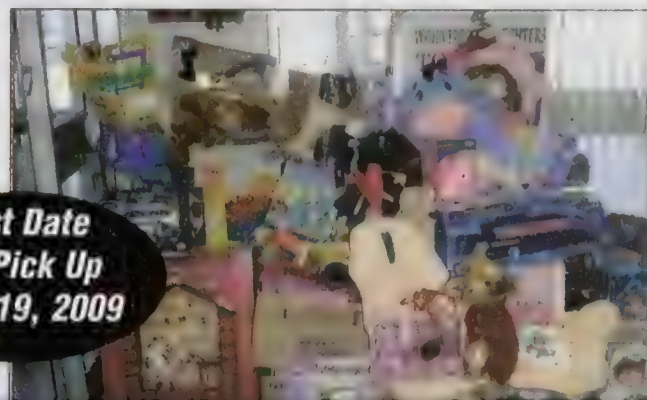
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 NHL HOCKEY

Duchene scoring, and shaking slow start

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

NHL fan sites and blogs can take a toll on your sanity if you happen to be the target of so-called "friendly fire" on the rockin' World Wide Web.

Just ask Colorado Avalanche rookie, and Haliburton native, Matt Duchene, the Avs' first pick, and the third selection overall in the 2009 entry draft.

Many Avs fans pigeonholed Duchene as the heir apparent to Joe Sakic – Colorado's much adored but departed captain – shortly after he arrived last summer for a July skate.

That's a "big pile o' expectation" to place on the broad shoulders of an 18-year-old rookie who was happy just to be given a shot at sticking with the Avs this season.

Typically, Duchene punched above his weight at training camp, showed tons of promise, and rightfully earned a spot centering the club's second line.

The NHL's learning curve is absolutely mind-boggling and in the first nine games of the season Duchene struggled to find his niche.

He was hitting posts, crossbars and charging hard at the net, but nothing, it seemed, was finding the line to the back of the twine. This prompted the de rigueur eruption on Internet fan sites, a lot of Avs faithful and indeed some ink-stained newspaper pundits questioning whether Duchene might be better served with another year back with coach Stan Butler and the OHL's Brampton Battalion.

But for those who know hockey, like Colorado coach Joe Sacco, there was never a doubt. Many inside the Avs organization were quietly watching and taking mental notes.

Duchene possessed the hustle, desire, savvy and mental toughness, but what most people noticed was that lovely, and oh so stunning game-changing speed.

Duchene, in a stretch of five games last week found-

form, function, and finesse, the feet churning and the puck finally finding the back of the net. (Duchene scored two goals against Tampa Bay on Nov. 30 and on Dec. 2 he connected on a pair of goals and an assist versus Florida Panthers.)

Duchene, in a recent interview with Denver Post writer Terry Frei, said he was never worried about what some perceived as a slow start.

"Last summer, when Matt Duchene, 18, attended the Avalanche development camp, I talked with him about whether he might be better off playing another season in major junior before joining Colorado," wrote Frei. "Among other things, we alluded to the 2008-09 season of Duchene's one-time Ontario Hockey League opponent, centre Steven Stamkos. Duchene noted that Stamkos, then 18, got off to a rocky start and then finished strong, and that it was clear his development was aided, not hurt, by a season in the NHL."

How close are Duchene and Stamkos's NHL debuts?

Eerily close, says Frei. Turns out that after 20 games this season, Duchene had two goals and five assists. After playing 20 games last season, Stamkos had, go figure, two goals and five assists.

In his first 26 games this season, or through the Avalanche loss at Minnesota, Duchene had three goals and eight assists. Through his first 26 games last season, Stamkos, snap, had three goals and eight assists.

Stamkos is now being touted as a possible late addition to the 2010 Canadian Olympic team on the basis of his stunning 17 goals and 12 assists in 25 games.

"I don't think it's as much a slow start as it is a learning curve," said Duchene. "I think I've had a great season so far. If you look at my stats they can be a bit deceiving. I've been playing some good hockey and have been able to really help the team."

And as if on cue, in the subtle wake of that Frei interview, Duchene had his first two-goal game against that same Tampa Bay Lightning team on Nov. 30. After the Tampa game Duchene said that it was a question of

hard work finally paying dividends.

"I think a little bit of karma and some luck coming back my way," said Duchene.

Duchene once said that some of the best advice he ever received came from his dad Vince, who always told him: "Move the feet."

Anyone who saw that second goal against Tampa Bay where he literally flew down the ice and finished the play charging hard to the net, are now fully aware that when Duchene's feet are churning, good things are happening.

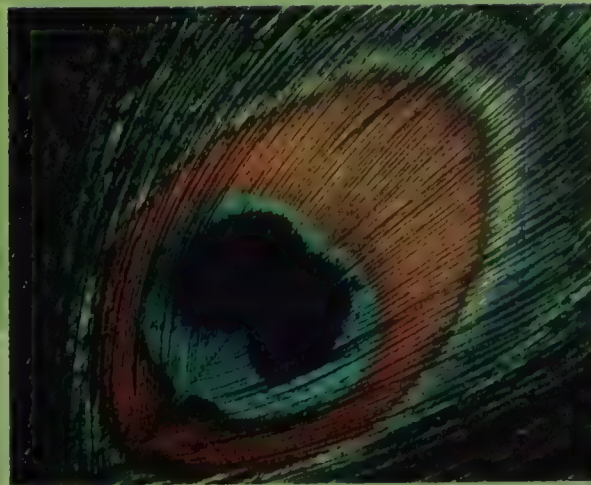
Duchene says it's all just part progression, part perspiration and part and parcel of perseverance.

"Things are starting to open up and the game is starting to slow down for me. It's starting to become easier, so I just have to keep it going. The points are good, but it's just a start."

Now, everybody please jump back on the bandwagon, and cut the kid some slack.

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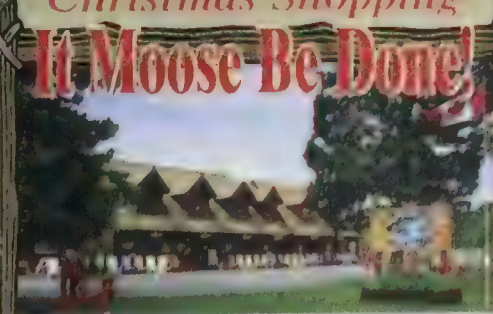
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RED HAWK HOCKEY

Still undefeated after 7-1 win over Kenner

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Yogi Berra was once asked what set the New York Yankees apart from other teams in the American League.

"We have deep depth," answered Berra.

Now Berra has borne much scorn for his egregious abuse of the English language over the years.

But this time, I think, he got it just right. Remember that Berra spent a lot of time behind the plate staring back at the likes of Maris, Mantle, Martin and DiMaggio.

No question. That's deep depth.

The Hal High hockey team appears blessed with a similar retinue of player potential this season.

Last Tuesday afternoon the Red Hawks hopped on a bus to Peterborough, and a date with Kenner High, just 17 hours after a game versus Holy Cross at Dysart Arena – which they won 8-1 – on Monday night.

It's an unusual scheduling anomaly, but something that the Hawks accepted with equanimity.

In other words, they shrugged off the tepid turnaround, and used their huge wall of talent to great advantage.

The Red Hawks, led by some timely and crucial penalty killing and a sparkling three line attack, beat the Kenner Rams 7-1, solidifying their hold on first place overall in the Kawartha Hockey League (KHL), and pushing their seasonal record to a perfect 5-0.

The Hawks boast an incredible 34-4 goals for and against over those five games.

And talk about deep pockets.

The Red Hawks currently locate six players in the top 10 of the scoring standings. Ashton Haley is the KHL scoring leader with four goals, eight assists and 12 points.

Occupying fifth through ninth spot are Brandon Yake, Ian Bottum and Scott Griffith with nine points apiece, and Brett Yake and Mark Vasey who each have eight points.

This is clearly a team poised to do some damage this year.

Keaton Gadoway scored twice and added an assist, in the win over Kenner.

Brandon Yake had a goal and two assists, while Kevin Nelson, Greg Clements, Bottum, and Brett Yake scored a goal apiece. Griffith led the helper parade with three assists, while Cole Rowden, Carson Roberts and Vasey each added an assist to round out the Hawk scoring.

St. Peter's Saints, one of four AAA school playing in the Kawartha league, is the only other unbeaten team with a 4-0 record. The AA schools play against the four large enrolment schools in the regular season round robin, but at season's end, the 10 AA schools part company with the AAA clubs for the Kawartha playoffs.

Head coach Ron Yake refused to channel his inner Yogi Berra, and went with the more traditional non-redundant depth gambit in his post-game analysis.

"Again our depth was noticeable," said Yake in an interview on Wednesday afternoon at the Hal High gym.

"It was 1-1 going into the second period and they had a five-on-three situation that we stopped," said Yake. "And then they had a five on four and we stopped that, and then right after that we scored. And that I think was a turning point. It really turned it around for us."

Yake added that right after his penalty kill squads had done their job, the Hawks clicked on three goals in the space of 65 seconds. After that, Yake said, it was just a question of playing some kitty bar the door and making sure they kept the crease clear for goalie Alex Monk Cray who earned his third win of the season.

"They had three or four really good players and they could play with us when

those guys were on the ice," said Yake. "When they weren't on the ice we took over."

He added that thus far into the season, all three Hawk lines have managed to share the load.

Last Tuesday a whole new set of bodies contributed the bulk of the pop.

"The line of Scott Griffith, Brandon Yake and Keaton Gadoway played very well," said Yake. "They had a strong game and that was nice to see. And that's what's happening. I think that as the season goes on we're noticing that it's not a one-line team. There's a lot happening and we're going to be hard to defend against."

We have four strong defenseman and three lines that are all very strong and are all capable of scoring in any given situation. That's definitely our strong point."

The Red Hawks don't play again until this Thursday when they travel to Whitby for a weekend tournament.

On Monday, December 14, the Hawks host Clarke Raiders – that's a 7:15 start at Dysart Barn – and they travel to Cobourg West Vikings for an afternoon encounter on Thursday Dec 17.

"We're going to continue to work on the power-play and penalty killing," said Yake. "We're having fun and it's certainly an encouraging start."

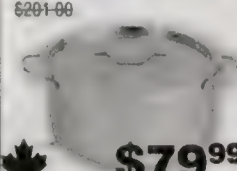
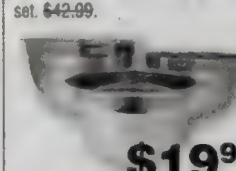
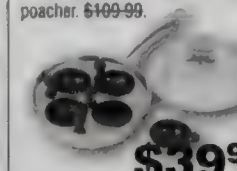
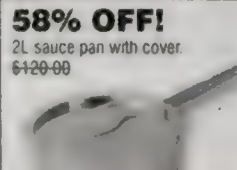
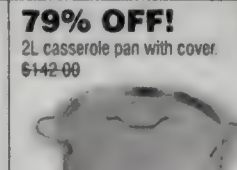
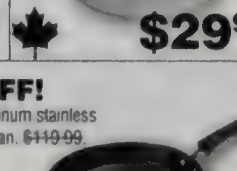
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Big wins and fun at Tyke tournament

JASON MORISSETTE

Highland Storm Tyke Coach

The Tykes participated at the Port Carling Fun Day Tyke tournament on Sunday, Nov. 29 and did very well as a team. The Tykes defeated Port Carling

Thunder in game one 7-1 and in Game 2 they defeated the Bracebridge Bears 2-0. Our Tykes made it to the championship game against the Bracebridge Bears in which the Highland Storm Tykes won 2-0 in the final. This was the first hockey tournament ever for all of our Tykes and they had a lot of fun and success.



Back row, from left: Cole Prentice, Alex Little, Clay Glecoff Ast Coach, Aaron Bellefleur, Paul Turner, Joe Boice, Greg Turner Trainer, James Alexander, Jason Morissette Coach, Ethan Glecoff. Front row from left: Tyson Clemments, Zach Morissette, Nigel Smith, Tim Turner. /Submitted photo

HHSS SPORTS Briefs

The following sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Nov. 26

The Red Hawks wrestling team competed at an Ajax tournament where they posted some impressive results. Eleven of our athletes placed in the top four of their weight classes. Congratulations to Tanner Hamilton and Cody Withey for their bronze medal finishes, and Lily Coneybeare with a silver medal. Coming home with gold medals were Mike Mazara, Cole Stamp, Kaily Schell and Christianna Walker.

Nov. 27

In senior boys' basketball action, the Hawks trounced Gravenhurst 57-36.

Adam van Nood had 16 points, Luke Watson, 11, and Caleb Zilla, nine. Justin Levely was chosen as player of the game with eight points, two steals and two assists.

Nov. 30

The Red Hawks hockey team took the wind out of the Hurricanes from Holy Cross with seven first-period goals in Kawartha high school hockey action.

The final score was Red Hawks 8, Holy Cross 1.

Dec. 1

The junior boys' basketball team lost to St. Thomas by a score of 58-41.

The senior boys' basketball team lost by a one-point margin to St. Thomas. Luke Watson led all scorers with nine points.

The senior girls' volleyball team dominated St. Thomas and Port Hope and split a set with Cobourg West, placing third in the tournament. Great serves by Rachel Burk, Hillary Hawley, and Jenna Dibblee, excellent hits by Alyssa Hobden, and stellar setting by Victoria Chaulk and Kirsi Parnoja.

The Red Hawks hockey team improved their record to five wins and zero losses after defeating the Kenner Rams by a score of 7-1. Strong goaltending from Alex Monk Cray.

Dec. 2

The junior Red Hawks basketball team played well but came up short against a strong Fenelon Falls team.

The junior girls' volleyball team competed in their first tournament of the season where they demonstrated improvement in each set throughout the day. The team put it together against AA rival Brock, defeating them two straight by scores of 25-12 and 25-15.

The Red Hawks wrestling team travelled to Peterborough to compete in a tournament, where overall the team had a winning day. Earning fourth place were Drew Paul and Kani-sha White. Bronze medalists were Liz Toth and Sasha White. Silver medalists were Jacob Outram, Kayla Gardiner, Caitlin Griffin, and Quinn Schell. Gold medal champions Tara O'Sullivan and Bailey Walker remained undefeated throughout the day.

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Haliburton COUNTY news

TRAILS AND TOURS

County staff to fill-in after trails organization folds

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Staff reporter

The county will be relying on its own resources and staff for the promotion and maintenance of Haliburton County's trails after the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network goes out of business at the end of the year.

After a decade of promoting the county's trails, the non-profit organization announced last month that it would be shutting down operations at the end of the calendar year. Members of the coun-

ty's economic development committee discussed just what the county would do in lieu of the network's services last week.

"A like organization should cost nothing . . . essentially," county economic director Bob Smith told committee members.

The county had funded the Trails and Tours Network to the tune of \$43,000 a year and the organization, which included three fulltime staff members, had also received funding from the province.

Smith said relegating promotion of the county's trails system to county staff and upkeep to the county's roads department

should not mean any expense increases for the municipality.

"It has to be sustainable," Smith said. "The goal of this is not to achieve another staff person."

Some user groups such as the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and the Haliburton ATV Association also assist with maintaining trails.

Dysart et el Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that the county's chamber of commerce should be contacted to see if it would be willing to help with trail promotion.

The network's executive director, Sam Davies, told councillors last month the

organization is closing because it has become essentially obsolete.

A number of committees – such as the organizing committees for Haliburton's Glebe Park and Minden's Riverwalk – grew out of the organization, but Davies said last month there is no longer need for an umbrella organization to oversee them.

The county's economic development committee is currently working on creating a new committee to oversee the Haliburton County Rail Trail, after council dissolved the old committee for its ineffectiveness earlier this year.

Angelica Blench/TIMES



Cast of The Nutcracker practice their moves last weekend in anticipation of the big performances Dec. 12 and 13 at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Tickets are available at Cranberry Cottage and Pharmasave for \$15.

Highland Storm Atom AE Silver Stick champions

KARENA CROFTS

Manager Highland Storm

What an exciting weekend of hockey! Good hockey played by all teams involved. The Highland Storm Atom AEs played like a well-oiled machine, moving fast, fore-checking, back-checking and passing the puck to create plays. In their three round robin games on Saturday, the Storm obtained the most number of points (five per game) available for an unmatched total of 15.

With three games Saturday and two Sunday it is too difficult to mention all

the points obtained by every player, but I would like to mention that our goalie, Anthony Bertucca had three shutouts and only allowed three goals against in the five games.

Our last game on Sunday for the championship was against Acton.

The Storm won 4-2 becoming the champions and Acton the finalist.

The Storm will move on to play in Niagara, we believe Jan. 7 in the continuation of the International Silver Stick competition.

We would like to thank and mention the other teams that were involved in making this tournament a success:

Lincoln, Dundas, Oro, Thorold, Prince Edward County and Norwood.

We would like to thank Merrill Barry for his donation to our team, our sponsors The Pepper Mill, Cherylann and Rachel for their daylong assistance at the raffle table, Tony, Cole, Mack, Tom and Melanie Prentice for insuring the change rooms were clean.

Thanks to Brian MacMillan for attending our tournament, Wade MacInnes for his organization of the tournament and answering my endless questions.

Thanks also to the officials, the timekeeper Eric and the arena staff.

All the other people who offered their

help, but mostly to our bench staff for getting our team to play to their potential. We are thrilled and proud of our boys!

Bench Staff: Jim O'Neill (coach), Peter Dobie (assistant coach), Kev Crofts Jr. (trainer) and Greg Turner (assistant trainer). And, of course, our team: Anthony Bertucca, Jake Bull, Greg Crofts, Jack Dobie, Jacob Haedicke, Carter O'Neill, Devyn Prentice, Ryan Prentice, Owen Smith, Trevor Turner and Alex Wilbee.

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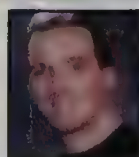
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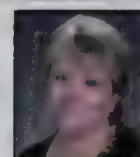


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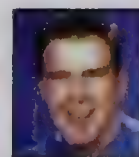
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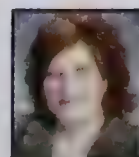
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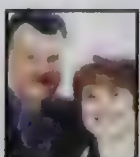
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Dogs willing participants in 1,850 km race

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almost anything else in his life – except of course his wife Tanya McCready and their four kids, Logan, 10, Dustyn, 8, Michaela, 4, and young Jessica who has just turned two.

The couple own and manage Winterdance Dogsled Tours here in the Highlands – a 140-dog operation located on 24 hectares of pristine land near Drag Lake.

This year, come February, the couple along with McCready's brother Ward – the designated and dedicated dog driver – and the kids will be packing up and heading for an adventure that will keep them flush with tall tales and memories well into their golden years. The boys each have assignments to send emails back to their Haliburton classmates every day of their odyssey.

The DeBruin and McCready clan will all be in Alaska in February and March to watch DeBruin fulfill a 15-year-old dream; he'll be running 16 of his favorite competitive Siberian Huskies in the Iditarod – 1,850 kilometres of pure adrenalin rush. He doesn't expect to run across Sarah Palin anywhere along the way: a few moose maybe, and occasionally a bear, a wolf and a whiteout.

The Iditarod is not a race for sightseers, tourists, fancy Dans, or pikers. To run the Iditarod "you have to," as the old guy in that investment ad says, "earn it."

Well, ladies and gentlemen, Hank DeBruin has earned his ride. And so have his dogs. Most days DeBruin and his right-hand-Husky-handler, Fraser Newton, have been loading up 20 to 24 dogs into the Winterdance truck and hauling them up to the backwoods around Fort Irwin for some grueling 80-kilometre training runs.

No snow? No problem.

"I'm not worried at all: winter's coming," smiles DeBruin at the kennels, while checking paws and coats and getting ready for another early morning jaunt. "We've been spoiled over the last two winters with early snow. People forget that most years we don't have snow early in December. So snow is coming, and we're still able to run. Training wise it's been great. Trouble is it's been wet and these guys [the dogs] in spots have been swimming and that's the hard part."

The wet conditions and the lack of snow is the reason DeBruin is taking lots of time to check all the paws of his running mates. If he doesn't like what he sees, the decision is made, the plug is pulled, and the dog is sent back to the kennel for a day of R and R. Here's the thing: a casual observer is struck immediately with a palpable feeling and realization that every single one of these dogs milling around the kennel yard is absolutely and unabashedly in love with Hank DeBruin.



TERRANCE GAVANECHO

Hank DeBruin's Siberian huskies come running when they know they're about to embark on one of their 80 kilometre morning runs at the Winterdance kennels on Drag Lake.

Early in the morning, they're vying for attention, crowding around DeBruin, nuzzling and waiting impatiently for a pet and a paw check. Some sit stoically staring beside the guy who holds the reins; ears back, docile – yaps, yips and yowls – their steel blue eyes locked on his every move. "They want to run ... all the time," says DeBruin, smiling. And that has a lot to do with breeding – dating back some 4,000 years – but mostly it's the obvious love they feel for this quiet, gentle man.

"We're training with 24 dogs right now, 20 will come up to Alaska and 16 will be part of the team that we run. They go through a very hard vet check prior to the race ... every joint; their heart and blood are all tested. We start with 16 and teams can drop but can't add dogs during the race. And you have to cross the finish line with nine dogs."

DeBruin says his plan is to rest his dogs one hour for every hour they run. Thus

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DeBruin hopes for 13-day race in Alaska

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if they run for eight, they will be resting for eight hours. Iditarod race rules state that all teams must make two mandatory eight-hour rest stops and take one 24-hour break.

"We're hoping to do it in 13 days, that's our goal," says DeBruin. "I'm pretty sure all of the dogs can do it, the big question is can I do it, mentally? It's a real mental challenge. If I can't keep my mind together then the dogs can't be expected to. They [Siberian Huskies] are rated as the top athletes in the world.

"The record is a little under nine days and that's just incredible for 1,200 miles. Unbelievable and when you really come to think about it, it's crazy how an animal can cover that kind of distance in that short amount of time."

DeBruin says that he and Newton have been training with lead dog Max and the other Huskies since early September, acclimatizing them slowly to trips in the truck and running on a daily basis.

"We started off in September with two-mile runs and then slowly worked up," says DeBruin. "And we're up to 50-mile runs now, but then we back off to 10 miles just to make happy runs. It's an amazing sport, the more you get into it the more addicted you get."

We mentioned earlier that the dogs love DeBruin. After this brief stint in the grey morning overlooking Drag Lake,

it's obvious that the love is shared and mutual. "They aim to please, and that's what makes them such a great sled dog. When they do 80 miles they're running over two marathons, and that's crazy." Even more crazy? After those two marathons, most Siberian Huskies are loath to leave the forest. They still want to run.

DeBruin's dogs will get a chance to run aplenty before the Iditarod. In four weeks they'll be competing in the Seney 400-mile sled dog marathon in Michigan, and at the end of January they'll be running in the 300-mile Beargrease race in Minnesota.

Then it's back home and a few weeks of prep before the long drive up to Alaska with Ward McCready at the wheel and Hank, Dustyn and Logan sharing GPS duty.

Tanya and the girls will be flying up, leaving Newton and six other Winterdance Tour employees to mind the shop while they're gone. "Oh yes, we've got great staff and this is our business, so we'll be running our regular Winterdance dogsled tours even while we're away in Alaska," says McCready.

She says this race has been on DeBruin's mind probably since they hooked up their first four-dog team back in the mid-'90s. "In '93 we got our first dog [Colt] and so it was probably '94/'95 when we first hooked up a team of four. And it was around then when Hank read a book by Libby Riddles called, *Race Across Alaska*



DeBruin's dogs are positively placid when moved to and from the truck.

— First woman to win the Iditarod tells her story," smiles McCready. "When Hank read that book, he was hooked."

The dream doesn't come cheap. The couple figures that this sweet kiss with history will cost them in the neighborhood of \$40,000, a lot of that expense emanating from the sheer cost of fuel. Fuel you say?

Yes, this may be one of the greenest modes of transportation available on the planet today, but these dogs ain't running on lettuce, carrots and parsley.

"When they're running hard we pump 10,000 calories a day through a dog, and that's a challenge on its own," says DeBruin. And high-octane kibble does not come cheap.

To that end, Tanya would like to remind everyone in the Highlands that the

team will be holding a fundraising function at some point in January, in support of Haliburton's Iditarod dream team.

"We will be having the race team website tailored to handle the race," says McCready. "Hank also has a blog that he updates two or three times a week and he'll be doing that right up to the race."

Oh, and after the Iditarod starts on March 6, don't expect any blog updates. Laptops do not travel well on sleds packed with 250 pounds of supplies.

And turbo, stick reception is sketchy at -20 C on the wind-whipped Alaskan tundra. Stay tuned to the Winterdance website (located at winterdance.com and follow the links) for updates and to purchase Iditarod Booties, a nice "paws for the cause" for Max and his 15 running mates.

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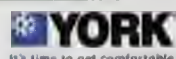


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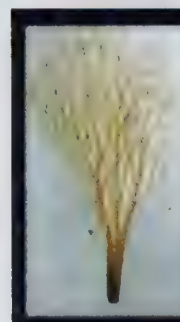
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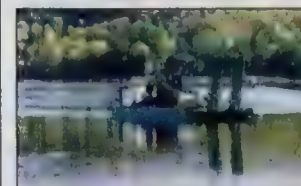
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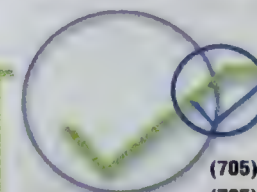
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Hal High's Damon Flatman dipsy doodles on a dribble drive down the lane during Red Hawk junior basketball action versus Fenelon Falls at the Hawk's Nest last Wednesday afternoon. The Falcons soared past the Hawks 54-28. Flatman led the Hawks with 20 points. This afternoon the junior Red Hawks are up against the Brock Bulldogs. Game time for that contest is slated for 3 p.m. at the Nest. No senior game is scheduled this afternoon.

More basketball photos by Terrance Gavan can be seen on our website: www.haliburtonecho.ca.



Justin Levely rises to the occasion during Kawartha senior basketball action against Fenelon Falls last Wednesday afternoon at the Hawks' nest. The seniors fell prey to the hot hand of Falcon forward Jordan McAlpine, who had 20 points in the contest. The Hawks lost 43-24. Luke Watson led the Red Hawks with seven points, JJ Kerr had five and Adam Van Nood contributed four points in the lopsided loss.

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Red Hawk wrestlers on track

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The Red Hawk Wrestling Team began its competitive season last week with two tournaments.

Haliburton wrestlers had respectable results at each.

Coaches Klose and Fockler are pleased with the athletes' performances this early in the season. In particular, the junior wrestling team is showing great potential.

Rookie wrestlers had solid matches this week - the future looks good for Red Hawk wrestling.

Kenner Tournament (Dec. 2)

Gold Medallists - Tara O'Sullivan, Bailey Walker
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Zane Zondervan pins his opponent.

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Gold Medallists - Kaily Schell, Christianna Walker, Mike Mazara, Cole Stamp

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Christianna Walker pins an opponent on the way to a gold medal.



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CHARGES

Crown not aware of YouTube videos

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the police arrive to arrest them for shoplifting.

On a separate video, Beck explains his actions: "Anything that's for sale out there already belongs to the people and we don't have to purchase it. We basically went in there to take the food claiming it as our inheritance, our divine inheritance."

Charges in the shoplifting case were dropped by the Crown.

"The Crown agreed that the police had reasonable

and probable grounds for laying the charge of theft under \$5,000, however, it was the Crown's view that it wasn't in the public interest to proceed with the prosecution," assistant Crown attorney Jennifer Broderick said in an interview.

"In light of the fact that the individuals didn't leave the scene therefore there was no actual property loss and moreover based on their conduct it was very clear that their intent was to make a political statement, so that was the reason why we withdrew the charge," she said.

The Crown wasn't aware of the YouTube videos before dropping the charges, Broderick said.

She added that this group was treated just like anyone else charged with shoplifting, and since the three men did not have previous criminal records and no property was lost to IGA, it didn't make sense to proceed.

"In a lot of cases where, for example, there was no property loss, that was one of the main considerations we have to look at that and we also have to look at the

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■ CHARGES

Jekyll Island book was turning point for Beck

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fact that it was very clear that they were making a political statement by their conduct. So I guess there is a weighing exercise in terms of, is it in the public interest to give them a forum to express their religious/political beliefs," she said.

Soon after the shoplifting charges were dropped, the three men, plus three others, were charged for occupying an empty cottage on Kennisis Lake. Police charged Beck, Yakim Belair of Laval, Ont., William Russ of St. Catharines, Ont., Diann Turkington of Ridgeway, Ont., Doug Baskin of St. Catharines and Alexandre Nault of Rimouski, Que. on Nov. 10.

Real estate agent, Cathy Lancia, said that when she encountered the group at the cottage – which she represents – they told her they were occupying it because it was their divine right to do so. They left peacefully when the police were called.

Over time Beck has emerged as the leader of the group, doing much of the talking on the group's videos. Fifty minutes of an interview with Beck has been posted to YouTube, where he explains his thoughts on

God and humankind's divine rights to the fruits of the earth.

"Ultimately, the reason why I'm sitting in this chair doing this interview is a series of events that started 10 years ago and I, like everyone else, believed that things are the way they are in the world and you grow up and get a good credit rating and get a good job and become successful and make more money," Beck said in the video.

"About 10 years ago, after listening to the preacher from Jekyll Island Audio was basically confirming feelings within me that things aren't as they appear. I realized right then and there that I was in a box. ... Most people in the planet are in that box and they can't perceive anything outside of that box because they're not even aware they're in the box," he said.

It seems Beck is speaking of the book, *The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve* by G. Edward Griffin, which throws a critical eye on the making of the American banking system.

Beck's take on this is that money is the root of most human difficulty and that people should work for the love of work, not for money. If all humans obeyed

this principle, everyone would be adequately fed and housed. None would be poor.

The spiritual economists have been followed along their journey by a team of journalism students from Niagara College, who are making a documentary about the group. The students said they had no direct connection with Beck or the others and that they heard about them from a friend of the family.

None of the group was willing to speak with the *Echo* when approached outside of the court. They will make another appearance in January.

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Dec. 8 is the general membership meeting, starting at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 is our monthly birthday/anniversary potluck dinner celebration at 7 p.m. and all are welcome. Dec. 18 is our all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. It will start at 5 to 7 p.m. and the cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and everyone is welcome. Community Care Diners' Club holds a luncheon at the Legion every second Friday and to get on the calling list please call Gwen Otto at 448-2106.

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Snow plough tenders are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 winter season. If you would like to put in a tender for this please put it in a sealed envelope and hand it into the Legion to the attention of Debbie on the front of the envelope.

Ho! Ho! Look who is coming to town on Sunday, Dec. 13. Santa Claus is gearing up for the Santa Claus parade. His parade route starts at Holmes Road, leaving School Lane at 12:30 sharp. Floats and walkers are needed. For information please contact JoAnne Hughey at 448-2194.

Don't forget our weekly events: bid euchre is every Monday night at 7 p.m. Darts is every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. The Meat Draw is every Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Lest We Forget:

Betty Hayward had a fall and is in Haliburton Hospital and Ross Covert is in Peterborough Hospital. We wish both a speedy recovery.

Great Christmas Gift!

The Haliburton Concert Series brings renowned performers to the Northern Lights Pavilion every year.

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Concert and Dinner are a FREE Christmas Gift to the community.



WILBERFORCE NEWS

Church service warms hearts

community news

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

The Wilberforce United Church hosted the annual ecumenical service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 6. People from several of the area churches participated. Unfortunately snowy, slippery roads kept several clergy and choir members from attending. Rev. Patsy Henry welcomed everyone and led the service. Elsie Lewis led and accompanied the choir in a number of anthems among which "The Virgin had A Baby," "Jesus Our Brother" and "The Birthday of a King" were favourites.

The selection "Lo, How a Rose" included a duet by Shirley Riley and Sharon Traviss. The Rev. Henry, Paul Hazen, Ken Jones, Lynette Clegg, Hilda Clark and Lorne Dinesen read lessons. It was a fine evening of worship and praise as all raised their voices singing Christmas carols together. Appreciation is extended to Rev. Henry and the members of the United Church for the service and the fellowship and refreshments that topped off the evening.

The thoughts and prayers of many in this community and beyond are with Sylvia Tallman and her family at this time. Sylvia has been hospitalized in Peterborough since early last week when she suffered a stroke. We miss her greatly and hope that she will recover fully and be back home with her family and friends very

soon.

The congregation at St. Margaret's church was delighted to partake of refreshments after service in the Schofield/Cameron room on Sunday, Dec. 6. The newly renovated kitchen is back in operation. Thanks to all including Sylvia Tallman who worked for several days washing and replacing the dishes and other equipment in the new cupboards, and housecleaning the whole downstairs area. Welcomed at the service were the Rev. Maggie Milne who played the organ, Jim Milne and Eleanor Cooper. We were sorry to learn that Eleanor is coping with a broken wrist. Best wishes Eleanor for good healing.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild thanks all who participated in the craft sale at the LWMC last Saturday, Dec. 5. The St. Margaret's people and all their supporters did a great job of providing lunch and snacks for vendors and shoppers all day. The chili, soup and tea biscuits were very popular. Special thanks to Jodi McCracken who filled in so well for Grandma Sylvia and to Heather McDonald recruited by mom, Sandy Hall.

It truly is amazing how many talented people there are in this area. The hall was so cheerful and bright with creations that ranged from the very practical to the delightfully decorative.

The W.H. Guild extends appreciation to Luann Colgan who donated a beautiful doll from her popular new shop, the Rose Petal Landing. Emily Cooney was the lucky one who took the doll home. The little bear and skis in a basket have a home with Louise Breen. We hope everyone had a good time at this event. A special thank you to the cleanup crew. You were so efficient and fast.

Congratulations to the winners in the ACW draw. The afghan was won by Laura Beard. The hand woven towel and rack went to Marlene Robertson. The third prize, a gift certificate for Master's Book Store, was won by Eileen Knox.

The annual Christmas carol service at the historic Christ Church in Essonville is on Sunday evening Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the music and stories.

Drop in for refreshments and fellowship at Christmas Open House at our Red Cross Outpost Museum on Thursday, Dec. 17. Afternoon time is 1:30 to 3:30, evening 7 to 8:30. Hot apple cider or tea along with some Christmas goodies await you there.

The Wilberforce School Concert is Tuesday, Dec. 15 beginning at 1:30 PM. All welcome.

The Trillium Lakelands Board of Education will make the final decision about the Wilberforce and Cardiff schools this week at the Tuesday, Dec. 8 school board meeting in Lindsay. There will be no public input at this meeting. That took place last winter and spring. You may attend the meeting in Lindsay, or by video conference at the Archie Stouffer School in Minden or online through webcast at www.tldsb.on.ca.

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WEST GUILFORD

Congrats to chefs

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Next door neighbour Victoria Freeman together with Amanda Bacon were the November chefs of the month, hosted by SIRCH Community Services at Haliburton Foodland. Congratulations to both young mothers who had to work hard to produce the three meals based on a family of four with two children under six. The cost came to \$12.36 and took some research into use of coupons some found on the Internet.

Nancy Brink has been in hospital in Haliburton following injuries caused by a fall from her porch. She would wel-

come visitors and calls.

You are invited to attend the men's breakfast at West Guilford Baptist Church on Dec. 12 at 8 a.m. The speaker is Roy Carter who is excited about the message he is bringing. If you can come phone 447-3137 and leave your name. If you are not sure of directions leave your number at the above with John Clarke. There is a gift for any newcomer. Average attendance has been 30.

Euchre last Tuesday saw Alice Jones and Ray Sisson with high scores, Myra Marshall and Iris Freeman with low scores and Liz Jessemann and Ron Bain with most lone hands.

The Community Centre's Christmas dinner is on Dec. 13, a date crowded by many events. There is to be no New Year's Eve dance this time around.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ralph Palmer.



Off the Wall

Laurie Jones, Rails End director/curator shares a laugh with Terri Wright, one of the many artists who have been working on Off The Wall.

Off The Wall wraps up Friday, Dec. 11, 6 p.m. at the Rails End with a fundraising event. Local artists and the public have worked for two weeks to create a masterpiece the likes of which have never been seen!

Attend Off The Wall and find out what happens when a creative community collaborates in real time!

Ticket info: www.railsendgallery.com or call 457-2330.

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community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

• **December 10: Christmas Grand Opening at Y's Archie!** – It's a Christmas celebration at Y's Archie Gently Used Boutique at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden from 6 – 7:30 pm. YWCA volunteers have been busy little elves decorating the store, just in time for Christmas bargain hunters. There will be a ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony at 6:30 pm and Christmas cookies, hot apple cider and coffee served to all of our customers and guests. See you there!

• **December 11: Community Care Haliburton County Christmas Luncheon at the Wilberforce Legion** – Join us from 12 noon until 2 pm. \$15 pp, advance tickets only. Call 457-2941

• **December 11: Need Help With Your Christmas Shopping?** – St. Georges Youth Group will be offering Babysitting/Caregiving from 11 am to 4 pm, at the Church. Payment by donation. For more information, call Sylvia Clardige at 754-1193 or the church office at 457-2074.

• **December 11: Off The Wall** – a fundraiser for Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre
See what happens when a creative community collaborates. Tickets are \$30, call 457-2330 to order or purchase online at www.railsendgallery.com

• **December 13: The Promise of Light** – A Christmas musical by the Minden United Church Choir at 4 pm, followed by Turkey on a bun with all the trimmings. The meal is being prepared and served by the men of the Church. Cost \$10 per adult, \$5 children 5-12. Minden United Church is located at 21 Newcastle St. Minden. Phone 286-1470.

• **December 13: Santa Claus Parade** – Join us on the main street in Kinmount at 2 pm for our annual Santa Claus Parade.

• **December 13: A Christmas Tradition in Minden** – The Choir and congregation of St. Paul's Anglican Church, by the Gull River in Minden, invite the community to join in celebrating a Traditional Christmas Service of Carols and nine lessons, at 4 pm. Refreshments to follow.

• **December 14: H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic, Royal Canadian Legion from noon to 7 pm** – (719

Mountain St.) in Haliburton. Everyone over 6 months of age can get the H1N1 flu vaccine, seasonal flu vaccine or both. Call Health Unite at 866-888-4577 for more details.

• **December 17: Play and Learn at Wilberforce Lloyd Watson Centre 9:30 am – 12:00 pm** – Parents and children under 6 years enjoy activities, crafts and musical circles. Gain tips and ideas around parenting challenges. Enjoy a healthy nutritional snack. For more information call Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave a message at 705-457-2989

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• **Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes – Operation Christmas Child** – is an easy and fun way for anyone, of any age, to make a difference in the lives of children living in desperate situations in the developing world. The shoe box gift season has begun. The 2009 local shoebox collection week is November 16-21 at Lakeside Baptist Church 713,294 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes were collected in Canada in 2008 with 680 going just from our area. Again this year Haliburton Home Hardware is offering to help by giving a 20% discount on shoe box gift items with a purchase of \$15 or more on regular priced items. For more information call Kathy Burk 457-2357.

Good News Club – Junior kindergarten to Grade 3 children are invited to a fun filled club with Christian values taught. The program will be walked over to J.D. Hodgson School. The program is free and will begin November 4th. Children can be picked up at JDH at 5pm. Call Stephanie 754-0079

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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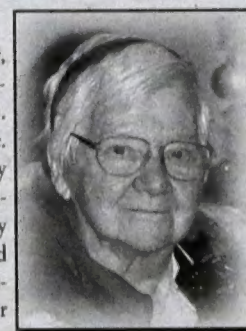
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LEADBEATER: Josephine Mary (Reynolds)

In her 88th year, at Fenelon Court, on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, with family by her side. Beloved wife of 66 years to Lloyd. Dear mother to her daughter Dale and sons Murray (Lucinda), and Eric (Cheryl). Loving grandmother to Sean, Meghan, Chris, Jason, Ian, Paul, Riane. Predeceased by her brother William Reynolds. Will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Jo was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend and will be missed by all who were touched by her sense of humour, warmed by her knitting and quilting, and enticed by her butter tarts! A city girl who loved the bright lights, she also treasured the community of Harcourt Park in Haliburton Highlands. Her father, Six Shooter Joe, left her a love of Alberta cowboy history documented in the Leadbeater-Reynolds collection of Glenbow Museum. Family will receive friends at the JARDINE FUNERAL HOME, CREMATION & TRIBUTE CENTRE, 8 Princes' St. W., Fenelon Falls, 1-866-453-9277; on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 7 to 9 p.m. then again on Thursday, December 10, 2009 from 12 Noon until time of Memorial Service at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer Society of Kawartha Lakes or Fenelon Court Long Term Care Centre would be greatly appreciated. On-Line Condolences, memorial donations or to light a memorial candle please visit: www.jardinefuneralhome.com

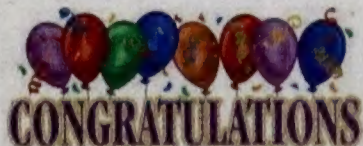


The family particularly wants to thank the outstanding staff who cared for Jo during her time at Fenelon Court. Although they will tell you "it's their job", they do that job with unequalled professionalism and love. Thank you.

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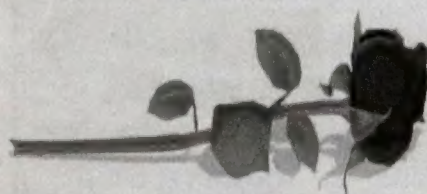
Anniversaries



ROYCE AND DOROTHY BAIN

of Haliburton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November the 5th. The occasion was marked by a visit from their son Inspector Tim Bain, the Officer in Charge of Operations for the Wood Buffalo RCMP Detachment in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Insp. Bain has been a member of the RCMP for 28 years and has served in four provinces/territories and eleven detachments. Insp. Bain took the opportunity to participate in his red serge uniform in the Remembrance Day parade and lay a wreath on behalf of the RCMP. Of note, Royce and Dorothy both celebrated their 80th birthdays in 2009.

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Deaths

HEWITT, Vern Edwin - Passed away peacefully on Friday, December 4, 2009 at the age of 62. Loved son of the late Dick Hewitt and the late Evelyn Hewitt-Gibson (nee Cowan) and father of Jeff Hewitt. Dear brother of Peter and Marilyn of Nepean, Carolyn and Rick Fuerth of Windsor, Larry and Betty of West Guilford, Roger and Kathy of Richmond Hill and is also fondly remembered by their families. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday evening from 7 - 9 p.m. Then to St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake for the Funeral Service on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Interment at the St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

PACKARD, Robert (Bob) Norval - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Sunday, November 29, 2009. At the age of 85. Beloved husband of Violet (nee Brohm). Dear father of John (Vicky), Darlene (Brian Madill), Lois (Bill Dobson), and Carl. Loving grandpa of Shannon, Tracy, Stacey, Teresa, Tammy, Andy, Jamie, Robert, Janet (predeceased), Wayne, Lori, Jennifer, Jeffrey and great grandpa 24 great grandchildren. Predeceased by his parents James and Elsie Packard, brothers Russell, Royce, Sinclair and sisters Mabel and Doreen. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday, December 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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POWELL, Blanche (nee Hobden) - April 25, 1925 - December 3, 2009 - Blanche returned to Haliburton after the passing of her husband and following a successful career in Toronto to reunite with her family and friends. Beloved wife of the late J.P. Powell. Dear mother of Norman Sanford and his wife Barbara. Loving grammie of Jennifer and her husband Mark Keating, and William (Bill), and great grammie of Ainsley Keating. Dear sister of Doris Moore, Walter Hobden and predeceased by her many brothers and sisters. Fondly remembered by nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family would like to thank the Haliburton Hospital staff, doctors and family members for their excellent care. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Haliburton United Church on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Memorial Service at 1:00 p.m. Reception to follow at the Haliburton United Church and will be provided by the UCW. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

SIEBER, Douglas Alfred - Died peacefully at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge on Saturday, December 5th in his 87th year. He was a retired accountant of Greer, Flemming and Roland, a member of the Bracebridge Rotary Club, and the former superintendent of the Bracebridge United Church Sunday School program. Douglas is pre-deceased by his beloved wife Dorothy Brohm. Loving father of Robert (Susan) Sieber, Donald Sieber, Linda Topping (Ronald Chislett), Russell (Jayne) Sieber and Shelly (Christopher) Tremblay. Douglas will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kristen, Nikov, Balind, Tyler, Kyle, Erin, Jessica, Katie, Alex, Cody, Carter and Austin and his great grandchildren Callum, Isabella and Noah. Friends will be received at **REYNOLDS FUNERAL HOME "Turner Chapel"** on Wednesday December 9th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral will be held at Bracebridge United Church Thursday, December 10th at 1:00 p.m. Interment at St. Thomas Anglican Cemetery, will take place in the Spring. Memorial gifts to the South Muskoka Hospital Foundation or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Messages of condolence can be made at www.reynoldsfuneral.com

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In memoriam

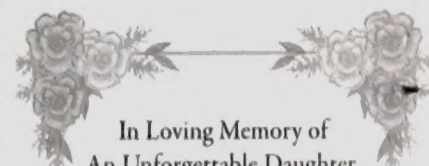
In Memoriam

In loving memory of a dear daughter
- **DIANNE BIRD** -
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Today and tomorrow, my whole life through
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Forever loved and always missed by
Mom, Marg Harrison, your loving
children and grandchildren

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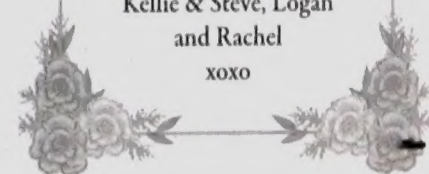
Dianne Bird

*Time cannot take from us
the memories we made
the traditions, the vacations,
the many selfless acts you gave.*

*Your influence on our lives
is seen in one or all of us each day,
another warm reminder that you're
still guiding us along the way.*

We miss you,
Love Bob, Momsey,
Scott & Teresa,
Kellie & Steve, Logan
and Rachel

xoxo



In memoriam

Cowan, Marilyn

In memory of a wonderful
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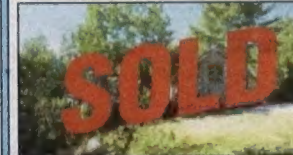
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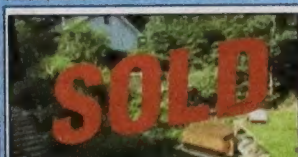
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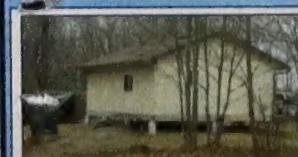
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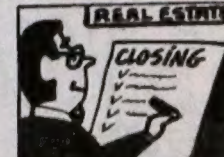
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